

# CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.  
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## GOD CALLS BUSY PEOPLE

Into His Service to Do Exploits for Him; Indolent People Are Not in Demand.

It was while keeping the sheep of Jethro, his father-in-law, that the angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a flame of fire and gave him instructions about performing one of the greatest exploits that has ever been recorded on the pages of history. Moses had fled from Egypt to escape the iron hand of Pharaoh, who determined to slay him, but he had no trouble in securing employment at once, so he was busily engaged when God got ready for him.

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon to call him as a leader to deliver the Israelites from the Midianites he was busily engaged in threshing wheat. Although he was very busy he dropped his work for the time being and went and prepared a kid and some cakes for the angel. The task that God had called Gideon to perform was no snap, but required real hard labor and manly courage. But he was accustomed to toil, and physically he was fully able for the work, so he only needed instructions from God to be fully able and ready for duty.

The first king of Israel was going on an important errand searching for his father's asses that were lost when the prophet found him and anointed him to be king over Israel. He did not even then go out and begin to publish boastfully that he was to be king. He quietly went back home and went on with his labor on the farm as though nothing had happened. Not a word given in the record that indicates that he ever told any one what Samuel had told him about being king. "But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not." 1 Sam. 10:16.

When the time came to make a public announcement concerning the king Samuel called all Israel before him and called the people by their tribes until the tribe of Benjamin was taken and finally the lot fell upon Saul the son of Kish, and when they called for him he could not be found. The Lord told

them that he was hid among the stuff. Instead of making himself prominent and boasting that he was to be king he was hid away and they had to drag him out of his hiding place to proclaim him king.

When the news came from Jabeshgilead that the people of that place were in distress on account of an attack by Nahash the Ammonite, Saul was in the field at work. When he came in and heard the people weeping he enquired for the cause of such grief. As soon as it was told him the Spirit of God came upon him and he gathered the people together for war. And thus he was thrust out into prominence by God and the people instead of boasting what he was going to do because the Lord had chosen him to be king.

Although Saul knew he was to be king over Israel he was too busy to make a display of his kingship before the time. It is hardly needful to make the application of this lesson for people in our day, for those who are wise will appropriate it to themselves and act accordingly, and those who are unwise would hardly understand it if we were to explain it minutely. Suffice it to say that "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him," (Psa. 25:14.) and it is not best to always tell what God has revealed to you, or what he has promised to do for you, nor what He has called you to do. The man who is always busy will be so occupied with his labor, of whatever sort it is, that he will not be all the time revealing the Lord's secrets.

Take the life of David, the man after God's own heart, as an example of faithfulness and patience. He was faithfully caring for his father's sheep when Samuel went down to Bethlehem to anoint one of the sons of Jesse to be king over Israel. He was so little thought of on the one hand, and so busy on the other hand, that there was no effort made to have him at home with the other boys when the prophet came. It was not until God had refused all of his seven brothers

that David was called. All the time the other boys were going through their examination one after another, David was busy protecting the sheep from the ravages of the wild beasts of the forest. He was not there idly waiting for his turn to come. He was busy, but God called him, and Samuel said they would not sit down till he was brought in.

He did not rush out among his people and raise an insurrection against Saul and plunge Israel into a bloody civil war to obtain the crown. He knew he was to be king, but he went back to care for the sheep, for he was too industrious to loiter around and wait for Saul to die that he might wield the scepter of the kingdom. No sir, the people did not know that God had another man in readiness to step on the throne as soon as Saul committed suicide. He never went out and tried to win the hearts and favor of the people to draw them away from Saul. He never boasted that he was the chosen king, nor grumbled nor complained because he could not be recognized as chief when he was chosen of the Lord for that position and he knew it.

He fled before Saul like wild beasts before hunters rather than assert his rights and raise an army and fight. Even on two occasions when he could have taken the life of Saul he would not do it. He would not stoop so low as to take advantage of his antagonist in the hour of weakness and defenselessness. How different from most men of all ages! Even among professing Christians there is, in many instances, a tendency to take advantage when opportunity offers itself. But if people are all the time busy at the right thing there will be no self seeking and no taking advantage, and at the same time have a better prospect of being called into the service of the Lord, for God calls busy people into His service to do exploits for Him.

Space forbids writing at length about Nehemiah, who was the king's cup bearer, but in the midst of his duties God called him to the great work of rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem and assisting Ezra, the priest in reestablishing the service of God and taking the reproach off

of Israel. This, too, is a picture of the reestablishing of the Church of God. People by the hundreds and thousands volunteered to labor with God's chosen men and their brethren. There was no rebellion, no division, no self-seeking, no one taking advantage of another. All worked together and builded until it was finished and the walls all joined together. So it shall be in the reestablishing of His Church. God has His men, and in spite of the oppositions and calls down to Ono, the builders keep on building. Let the Sanballats use their craft, and the Tobiah declare that the foxes will tear down the wall, the busy people will toil valiantly on until the breeches are made up and the wall is complete.

When we turn to the New Testament history and observe the choosing of His disciples by our Lord, we note that He did not go among the men of wealth who were loitering around with nothing especially to do. He walked down by the sea side and "Saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers." When He had called them from their toil he walked on a little further thence and saw James and John busy mending their nets and called them. Thus were all His disciples called from their occupations and given a place of great honor—walking in the presence of the King. Indolent people are not in demand.

I have in mind a man, who years ago received a definite call from the Lord. When the call came he was plowing in the field. The tears ran freely down his cheeks nearly all the day. He was too busy to go, he soliloquized. He knew of other men who were not so busy and it looked more reasonable to him that they should go. They had nothing else to do. They scarcely ever worked and he worked from four in the morning till eight and nine at night, and even then was not able to do as much as was demanded. He attended all the religious services including the mid-week prayer meeting, and they scarcely ever attended more than one service a week and then only when everything was favor-

able. But all of his reasoning was of no avail. Those who were idle and had nothing else to do would be of no value to the Lord. He had to go, or openly rebel. Consequently he left his plow, like Elisha, and entered the ministry. There was still no time for idleness. That man's life has been one of constant toil. While others would have time to sit around and engage in friendly conversation because they had nothing else to do, he could only engage in such when it was necessary to show love, friendship and courtesy.

When we look over the list of reformers, and God's chosen vessels, we behold an army of toilers, those who can endure hardships incident to their calling, those who value a moment too highly to let it pass unoccupied with some good deed or thought. Those who are thus engaged are apt to claim the Lord's attention and He seeing their active and zealous disposition will soon have a place to thrust such a person into that he may be of some service in performing exploits for His Lord.

These days are the same as all days in some respects, but there never has been a time when true busy workers for God have been in such demand as now. He wants the busy people, those who have so much to do they think they can't go, those whose cares and responsibilities are such that they feel like they can't go. Those who would go because they have nothing else to do are not in demand. They would be of no value if they were to go. It's the folks that can't go that are in demand. God delights in making ways where there are no ways. He delights to get His people in close places that He may show His power and wisdom in their deliverance. Indolent people are of no service to Him because they will never move forward unless everything looks favorable and is comfortable as they go. Those who are not busy need scarcely expect to reach the heights of exploits. About all they can expect is to build air castles, and, Macauber-like, wait for something to turn up. Are you busy?



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## EDITORIAL NOTES

### OUR BROTHER BARNEY PARDONED

I am sure our readers will be delighted to know that our brother Walter Barney, who has been in the work-house because of the death of his child, has been pardoned by the Governor and is now home with his family.

### Albertville, Ala.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson and all the saints:

I praise God this morning for the glory in my soul. I praise God for free salvation. Glory to His dear name. I am sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as in Acts 2: 4. I am glad He keeps me from sin each day. I received the baptism about one year ago. I have been wonderfully blessed. I have been healed.

My daughter looked like she would die, and I fell down and poured out my heart to God and asked Him to heal her and glory to God, she was easy in ten minutes. I was so happy.

I have a brother that has been sick for a long time. I had been praying for him and was writing him a letter and the blessed Lord revealed to me that he would meet me up yonder where sickness is no more, and it made me so happy.

I have been a Baptist forty years. They say we can't live without sin, but in John 8:34 Jesus said, "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." In Heb. 12:14, "Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord."

I praise the Lord for show-

ing me this perfect way. I am determined by the grace of God to go through with Jesus at any cost even if I have to stand alone. Glory to His precious name.

Pray for me that I may get closer to my blessed Savior every day. I love the Church of God. I love the Evangel for it is food to my soul. It did me so much good to read of the great assembly. I wanted to be there so badly. Your sister, waiting for His coming,  
Mrs. E. A. Peebles.

### Fyffe, Ala.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I praise God for salvation and because I belong to the Church of God. I want to get closer to Jesus and more like Him. I know that if Jesus should call me I am ready to go. I praise the Lord because He is my Healer and He takes care of me.

I am so glad He ever brought me out of sin and gave me the Holy Ghost. Pray for me that the Lord will use me for His glory and that I will be found doing the will of the Lord at all times.

Your sister in Christ,  
Ella Allen.

### Cascilla, Ala.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

Greetings in Jesus' name. I am praising God for the blessed Holy Ghost who still abides. I am saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God.

I am only twelve years old but I can be a witness for Jesus. I do love this good old way and I am determined by the grace of God to go on.

I want the saints to pray for me that the Lord will make me a faithful worker for Him.

Your sister in Christ,  
Rebecca Harris.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I am a little girl, nine years old. I am praising God for the blessed Holy Ghost. The Lord is my Healer, glory to His name. I am going to trust Him evermore.

Pray for me that I may hold out faithful.

Etelka Harris.

### Key West, Fla.

I am just back from Chockolokee and Marco, Fla. I held a ten days meeting at Chockolokee and five days meeting at Marco. We got the devil on the run. Some of the saints are standing true to God and His power is falling in a wonderful way.

Some are going on to perfection as Heb. 6:1.

One was saved and sanctified; three were baptized in water; two were added to the Church of God. Several of the saints were built up and made to rejoice in the Lord.

Pray for the little band there that they may keep pressing on to victory and be in the number at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

W. F. Hesson, pastor.

### Armuchee, Ga.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am praising the Lord for salvation that keeps folks from sin.

I received the Holy Ghost three years ago for I spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

We had a meeting at my home not long ago and the power fell and O such a shouting and dancing and handling fire. On Sunday afterwards serpents were handled. I want the saints to pray for me that I may stay humble at the feet of Jesus. Praise God.

Your sister in Christ,  
Bettie Teems.

### Harriman, Tenn.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I am praising God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. I have found the pearl of great price. Glory, there is honey in the rock. I feel like going on to higher ground.

The Spirit truly is calling, "Return, return, O Shulamite: return, return." Songs of Sol. 6: 13.

The signs are following the people of God. The grand old Church is returning with power and great glory. "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" Songs of Sol. 6:10.

May we cry out as Peter of old, "Silver and gold have I none but such as I have give I unto you: in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

Your brother under the blood,

Ed. Goddard.

### Ashland City, Tenn.

Mr. A. J. Tomlinson:

Dear Brother, I ask prayer from you and the saints who read this. Please pray one prayer for me, for the devil has tried me sorely through the people here and they have troubled me until I am about to lose my mind.

Please help me to pray so

I will get some ease. I am sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. I am known by several of the Evangel readers. I am holding on to Jesus.

Margaret Collier.

R. 2, Box 158.

### Lake Butler, Fla.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I want to write to a sister whose testimony appeared in the Evangel a few weeks ago but I have forgotten her address, so I take this opportunity and I trust the Lord will direct it to her.

The part of the testimony that impressed me most is that she is seeking the Holy Ghost and is patiently waiting for God to baptize her in His own good time. Now I have nothing to say against waiting on the Lord because we are commanded to wait on Him; but we should carefully consider in what way we are required to wait lest we be led astray.

For a long time I waited just feeling that I had nothing to do but to wait till God sent the shower. I kept on praying until I got real hungry for the Holy Ghost, and when I became so hungry that it seemed I could wait no longer I became willing to do anything that the Lord wanted me to do. I was then willing to pay the price. I met the conditions one by one as the Spirit revealed them to me. When I had met the conditions and made a complete surrender to God and laid all on the altar, with my heart uplifted to God and wide open for all that God had for me, with a longing, hungering, burning desire for the Holy Ghost—so great a desire for the Holy Ghost and for more of God that all fleshly interests were lost, then the Holy Ghost came in. Glory to God. I reached up and took hold of God's unchanging hand.

Now the idea is, in waiting on God not to wait on Him to do it all. We must get hungry enough to meet the conditions and we never will get the Holy Ghost until the conditions are met. Glory to God.

In seeking the Holy Spirit we must not forget to pray. Pray without ceasing; watch for the Spirit to present conditions that must be met. Don't hesitate to meet the conditions though it may be a cross and hard to bear. When you have been sufficiently tested and tried as by fire "God is not slack concerning his promises, but is faithful and true" to give you that

which he has promised and to all those who diligently seek Him, those that seek Him with their whole heart.

Glory to His blessed name.  
G. W. Peebles.

### Anvil Sparks.

M. S. Lemons.

If it makes no difference who baptizes you; why then did God give John the Baptist the Holy Ghost so early in life, and why did Jesus command His disciples to tarry first in the city, and why did Paul baptize a dozen men over, before he laid his hands on them that they might receive the Holy Ghost?

### Valdosta, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

May God bless you. I am praising God because the Comforter abides. Glory to Jesus! It is so sweet to trust in Jesus.

Pray for the church here. I am looking for God to do a great work here this year.

We were at Quitman, Ga., Saturday night. We had one service. After preaching the word, four came to the altar and three of them where filled with the Holy Ghost in just a few minutes for I heard them speak with tongues. It was one of the best meetings that I have been in for some time. I feel good in my soul; just as if I had been baptized again.

I am looking for Jesus to come. I am so glad that I know the Comforter still abides. Pray much for me.

Your Brother in Jesus,  
J. W. Murray.

### Too Nigh, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to thank God for this way. I realize more each day the love there is in the Holy Ghost. I thank God for the shelter of the Church of God. I love her, there is no other, she is founded upon the rock, and Jesus is the chief corner stone. Praise God, I feel like going on till He says "it is enough." When we get this blessing, we have to part with worldly pleasures, and things that are unlike God.

Let us stir up the gift within us and see what the Lord has for us to do. Let us not be lazy but work.

Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us and "let us run with patience the race that is set before us!" Heb. 12:1.

Pray for me.

Your brother in the race,  
Earl Turner.



# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

## Shuford, Miss.

To the Saints in Christ,  
Greeting.

I am still praising God for full salvation and I am in the battle to stay.

I am praising him for the great love He has given me, that I can love my enemies and for the faith that I can trust Him more and more.

Dear saints, we are going to have to put more trust in Him than ever before, and look to Him to keep us day by day. We must not get troubled about the things that are coming upon the world for these things must come but be ye not troubled, "look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Hallelujah!

Let us keep shouting the victory and praising God and the walls will soon fall for they have begun to crumble already. We must love each other better for love is fulfilling the whole law. Hold on to what you have, press higher and higher, lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us, run with patience the race that is before us and let us put on charity.

We had a little prayer meeting the other night and the power of God fell on four of us and we danced all over the house with a red hot chunk of fire, passing it around from one to the other. Some put it on their heads, the sparks began to fly and it seemed that the house was full of them. They fell on the floor and the bed till it looked that they were afire all over but all without harm. It was the prettiest sight I ever saw. Praise God for the miracles.

Pray for us that we may stay humble at the feet of the Master so He can use us as He pleases. No one cares for us much but Jesus does. "These signs shall follow them that believe," this is why we know that we believe. We take Jesus at His Word. Praise His name forever.

May God bless and keep you.

Your brother in Christ,  
Marion Robertson.

## Summerville, Ga.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

Greetings in Jesus' name. I am praising God for full salvation. Glory to God. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and in the dear old Church of God. I praise God because I ever found this glorious way. I am going to do all I can for my Master.

We are having some glorious services. God is show-

ing His power through His humble children, by handling fire, dancing in the fire without getting burned, handling serpents, and some cases of healing in answer to prayer.

The devil is howling and raging, threatening to rock us and to kill us; but glory to Jesus, we are out to fight the devil with all our mind, soul and strength and he can't bluff us. If we can't live for God we will die for Him. I am trusting for all things.

I have been afflicted all of my life and paid all I could make for doctors and drugs but since I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost I take no more medicine but trust the great Physician for all things.

Pray for me that I may stay in the center of God's will and do His bidding.

Your brother on the battlefield,

T. F. McGuire.

## Parrott, Va.

The devil was stirred against the Church of God in this place, but God set His seal upon the truth and gave wonderful victory. Hallelujah!

The meeting was begun in a little school house. Three were baptized with the Holy Ghost, one who had been seeking five years, and one added to the Church and prospects for a fine meeting. The enemy got stirred and a mob came in upon us while preaching and ordered us to vacate the house at once. We gathered our belongings and the little church marched out like lambs with wonderful peace filling our souls. We were invited to a home for meeting that afternoon and the power of God fell in a more wonderful way than ever before in this place. One received the Holy Ghost and five were received into the Church.

Through the persecutions every member of the Church stood true and many were convinced that this was the true way and real Church of God. The Lord raised up many friends.

Later we pitched our tent here and on the first Sunday morning had a wonderful melting service. The whole church was in tears, and such wonderful love and unity prevailed. At night the altar was filled with seekers. The power of God came upon all we believe and five were baptized with the Holy Ghost.

In all fifteen were baptized with the Holy Ghost, fifteen added to the Church, of whom several are heads of

families, and eleven followed the Lord in water baptism. Some said it was the most beautiful baptizing they ever witnessed.

These dear people are miners, but the mines are shut down much of the time, which makes it very hard for them to get along. They want to build a church house as soon as they can.

We left F. J. Crowder as pastor of the flock, who has very faithfully served them for some time. Pray for them.

Yours humbly in His glad service,

H. L. Trim and wife and little Gaylor.

## Summerville, Ga.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson and all the Saints:

Greetings in Jesus' Name. I am praising God for His goodness to me. O how I do love Him. I am praising the Lord for health and strength and for His keeping power. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost about three years ago. I cannot express my gratitude to my God for saving such a wretched sinner as I was—a drunkard, a cigarette fiend and very profane, but praise His holy name, He has made a new man of me. I do not use any of the devil's remedies. I have said that I would die before I would take medicine and by the help of God I intend to stick to my word.

The Lord is my healer, I trust Him with my soul and body, praise His name. I believe in divine healing because the Bible teaches it and I believe every word that it teaches.

We, the Church of God people, are working faithfully for our blessed Lord and the devil is making threats, but we know that he is a liar and a coward, too.

Pray for God's children here that we may be brave soldiers and true to Jesus.

How I do love the dear old Church of God.

Your brother in Christ,  
G. W. Teems.

## Hixson, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to say that I am in the fight for Jesus having been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Bless the Lord, I feel Him this minute.

I buried my wife about eight months ago. She was filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God. A twelve-year old boy and a four-year old girl are my company. I am cook-

ing and caring for my children.

I have been made to think of brother M. S. Lemons today as it has been a day of weeping for me.

This morning while getting breakfast I had not a cake or pie on the table because I was not skilled in cooking them so I was made to feel sad for I had never witnessed that before. Then my mind was taken back to Judea where the precious little infant Christ was born possibly in a leg stable and possibly a bad day like this. I wondered what Joseph and Mary had for breakfast. I wondered how hungry they might have been and no one had room for them in their house.

I want to tell you, dear reader, there is room at my house for Jesus. I am longing for His return and He will not ask for room then. Glory to God. I want to be telling of Jesus and His love when he comes the second time without sin unto salvation. Glory! Glory!

Your brother in Christ,  
J. T. Permy.

## Addison, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am on the glory side. I joined the dear old Church of God seven months ago. I am glad I can say I'm one of them. I am trusting God for everything.

Praise His dear name, He has healed me and I am in better health today than I ever remember of being in before. I quit drinking whiskey, chewing tobacco and drinking coffee. I have good nerves now and before I was a wreck and afflicted all the time. Praise God, I now enjoy health. I started to go all the way. I almost gave up before God saved me but I just held on and I am now saved and sanctified. Glory! I am seeking the Holy Ghost. Pray for me.

Your brother in Christ,  
William F. Woodley.

## Fox Hill, N. N. P.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I feel so happy that I am able to send you my testimony. I praise the Lord for such a privilege. I am saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. My desire is to follow Jesus the whole way through. My determination is to know more about Jesus and His wonderful power.

Pray for me, brothers, that I may live humble till Jesus comes.

Your brother in Christ,  
Richard D. E. Beran.

## Jefferson City, Tenn.

The second week in March we commenced to build a church house here. We sent for brother Lemons to come and keep the fire burning and look after the building of the house. He came and brought brother and sister Haynes with him and for five weeks the fire burned brightly. Seventeen received the Holy Ghost, several saved and some sanctified. Twenty-five were baptized in water. Ten months ago there was only one in town who had the Holy Ghost, now there are about thirty-five, and many more hungry.

We want the saints to pray for us that the Lord will set His seal on the church He has given us and that He will make it possible for us to get seats soon. We want our general overseer to come and dedicate it for us.

The fire is still burning and the Lord blesses us every time we meet.

Mrs. J. E. Lord.

## Calhoun, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Greetings in Jesus' name—I am glad T. S. Payne came. He dedicated the church the 9th of May and stayed until the 17th. One came into the church. Twelve were baptized in water. It was a feast to the saints. The Lord's supper was administered and we washed the saints' feet. O it was wonderful how brother Payne preached the word.

The saints all walk in the light. We want brother Payne to hold us a meeting some time if it is the Lord's will. We have no divisions here, all speak the same thing.

We are glad the Lord sent brother Trim and wife here. We were turned out among wolves but now we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us and gave Himself for us.

How we do love the Evangel, it is a feast to our souls to hear from the saints. I am so glad that I have the Holy Ghost and speak in tongues. I will never forget the time that brother Trim laid his hands on me and I received the Holy Ghost. Glory!

Love to all the saints,  
S. O. Gillaspie.

## Plainview, Ark.

Brother Charles Harrison writes, "Sound a note of praise for me and salute all the saints."

I am leaving Plainview to make a new charge upon the enemy at Russellville, Ark."



## Something of Divine Healing

"They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Mark 16:18.

Jesus went about doing good and healing all manners of sickness and disease among the people. He said for us to follow Him and if we follow Him we will preach divine healing and if we preach it some will believe it.

Jesus said for His people to lay hands on believers and they should recover when they were sick and then He declares the prayer of faith shall save the sick.

Some say that we go too far with the teaching of divine healing; if so, how much too far? Others say that we are fanatical, but thank God we preach Christ to the people just as Phillip did down in Samaria when signs and wonders followed, and the sick were healed.

We are telling the people of the same risen Savior that Peter and John told the man about at the beautiful gate who was lame from his mother's womb, but was healed and went walking into the temple, leaping and praising God. (Acts 3:1-9.) Notice the results in Acts 4:1-5. Was this going too far?

Is this leaping, dancing and praising God what you term fanaticism? The truth is that the power of God comes down upon His people and this power is what the people don't like.

Many have a form of godliness but deny the power. Thank God, it is the power that makes us shout, leap, take up our beds and walk when we are sick, talk in tongues, dance, run and many other things to the glory of God. Amen. Hallelujah.

Great God send more upon us. Whosoever will may come. You have been invited to come, you have been exhorted to ask, you have been told to approach boldly the throne of grace, that you might receive from Him that which He holds out in promise to every one who obeys Him. He is the Promiser; you are the one to whom the promise is made; you ask, He gives, you receive, you have; the asking is certain, the giving is certain.

Prayer must not be a form, a mere routine of words. Prayer is the humble, dependent one coming to Him who has promised to hear and to bestow. The promise is unto His people who call upon Him. Thank God, the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Then let us pray more or until we

cry or until God rolls the burden away, pray until something happens.

In the Scripture we are exhorted over and over to pray much. Such expressions as "pray without ceasing," "pray for all men," "pray in the Holy Ghost," "pray that ye enter not into temptation," "praying always with all prayer," "watching unto prayer," "that men pray everywhere," "is any among you afflicted, let him pray," "pray for one another that ye may be healed," "in everything by prayer," "helping together by prayer," "and he spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray," "watch ye, therefore and pray always," "pray for them which persecute you," all these are appeals to us to come boldly to the throne. Thank God, He will verify His promises when we meet with His Word or conditions. Amen.

Thank God, the battle is on and Christ is our great Commander. Stay low, look up, press the battle to the end.

**Hardy, Miss.**

Dear Ones in Christ:

I praise God because I have found Him a real help in time of need. He knows how to get His people to trust Him at all times.

My sister was almost dead or I could not say that she was alive. We went to God and He said "here am I". I am praising God because He loves to heal His children when we get to where He can.

I love this way, it takes the place of all other things. It makes us love our enemies, outcasts and everybody. I love to live by the Word of God and meet with His little ones. We had meeting at our little church and there were about thirty-six people there filled with the Holy Ghost and most of them belong to the Church of God.

Bro. Haynes preached for us Sunday and God blessed us wonderfully. We all went to the altar to go deeper into God.

I feel the vine is putting forth buds for fruit, glory. I am on the King's highway.

I have five sisters, two brothers and a mother at home who have the Holy Ghost. O, I have so much to praise God for. Bless His name. I received the Holy Ghost four years ago and I am still climbing and some time we will get so high that we will leave this earth and

go to our home eternal. Pray for me.

Your sister in Jesus,  
C. R. Filghman.

**Kimberly, Ala.**

Dear Bro. Tomlinson and all the Saints:

Greetings in Jesus' Name. I just feel like shouting. I am praising God for complete victory through the blood of His dear Son. Hallelujah!

The dear apostle Paul said in 1 Thes. 4:14-17, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

Then the saints will be caught away, the tribulation will burst forth and do its deadly work; and Jesus with His great army will ride down from heaven and subdue all things. The devil will be chained, the beast and false prophets will be thrown into the lake of fire. "Even so come Lord Jesus," "The First and the Last," "The Rose of Sharon," "the Lily of the Valley," "the bright and morning Star," "the fairest among ten thousand and altogether lovely." Glory to God!

"For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep."

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." That will be grand. Glory to His name.

Pray for me, dear saints, that I may ever be in the center of the Lord's will.

Your brother in Christ,  
E. C. Caddell.

**Parkersburg, W. Va.**

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I was reading the beautiful testimonies in the Evangel and it made me feel as if I would like to tell the whole world that I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and my determination is greater every day to go through with Jesus.

I can't praise Jesus enough for what He does for me. He has healed my body and I do not have to take medicine for my Savior is my Physician. I belong to the Church of God which has just recently been planted in the little city of Parkersburg, W. Va., and I ask the saints every where to

pray for me that I may ever stand true and run the race with patience. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." (Heb. 12:1.)

Let us fortify and strengthen our purpose and effort, renew our determination, redouble our diligence, cast aside the weights of unnecessary worldly cares, increase our zeal, and as the apostle urges us, run with patience the race that is set before us; run, not like one who is merely beating the air, but like one who has a purpose in view and determined to make his calling and election sure.

Your sister in Christ,  
Elsie Mason.

**Manor, Ga.**

Dear Bro. Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I am praising God for a free salvation, and because He forgave me of my sins and sanctified me through the blood that was shed for me, glory to His name. I am seeking for the blessed Holy Ghost and I want all the saints to pray for me that I may receive. God is blessing me every day of my life, glory to His name. I belong to the Church of God. Hallelujah!

Please pray for me for I want to go through with Jesus.

Your brother in Christ,  
Cary White.

**Summer Meetings.**

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**Tellico Plains, Tenn.**

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I am praising God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost.

The Lord is giving us some wonderful meetings here. I praise God for what He is doing for His people in these last days. Glory, I am so happy with Jesus alone.

I want the dear saints to

pray for me that I may grow stronger and that the Lord will supply all my needs.

Your brother in the battle to stay until He says, "it is enough come up higher,"

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